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Comments - Microsoft Proposed Settlement

It's time to move on! From the outset this has been an exercise in establishing the rules after the game has been played - or at the very least after the game has been in progress for some time.

Does the proposed settlement benefit consumers? Since the injured parties, judging from who is making the most noise, are Microsoft's competitors there's no way to know. Consumers have never had a voice in the process. I've neither read nor heard any facts supporting the contention that consumers (you and I) have been injured. Are the high tech competitors bringing the complaint satisfied? Is that important?

Apparently the settlement is a fairly good one in that almost every faction is unhappy with it. Microsoft is willing to live with the proposed settlement, the United States (at least most of the Washington DC types involved) has accepted it, consumers have never said they weren't satisfied, and Microsoft's competitors will likely never be satisfied until MSFT is delisted. In short, there's everyone is equally displeased and there's no place to go from this point but down.

You've done your jobs. Let's move on!

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